

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST

***WINTER TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS***  
Motorized Over Snow Vehicle Area Closure

**PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Areas described in this order, all within the administrative boundaries of the Payette National Forest. This order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect through **April 30, 2023**.

1. Possessing or using any motorized over snow vehicle within the Areas described below.  
**36 CFR 261.56**

**EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from this order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

**AREAS DESCRIPTION**

**All areas within the administrative boundaries of the Payette National Forest** which are listed below and shown on the attached map attached hereto as exhibit A and made part of this order.

**Areas Closed to motorized over snow vehicles as shown on the attached map.**

1. Rapid River
2. Hells Canyon north
3. Hells Canyon south
4. Peck Mountain
5. Brundage Mountain
6. Sugarloaf
7. Secesh
8. Chimney Rock
9. Warren Highlands
10. Big Creek
11. Thunder Mountain

All areas are within the administrative boundaries of Adams, Washington, Gem, Valley and/or Idaho counties, Idaho, Boise Meridian.



**PURPOSE**

This order is necessary to provide different recreational opportunities and for public safety.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. This order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect through **April 30, 2023**.
2. A map identifying the closed areas affected by this order is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made part of this order.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b) (6), and Title 18 USC 3581(b) (7)].
4. This order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in or on the above described areas.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Payette National Forest Supervisor's Office located in McCall, Idaho telephone number 208-634-0700.

Done at McCall, ID this 31 day of October 2019.



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Payette National Forest



**Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan**  
McCall Ranger District, Payette National Forest

1. **Background.** In the past, both summer and winter restrictions on motorized travel on the PNF were displayed on the 1995 Visitor Map accompanied and updated by the yearly *Backroads* map, enforced through a Special Order.

Publication of the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) in accordance with 36 CFR 212.56, in July 2009, completed the motorized route designation for use of motor vehicles on the PNF during the non-snow season and replaced the 1995 Visitor Map and updated *Backroads* map. Winter travel was to be covered with the winter over-snow decision (November 2010), but that decision was appealed and remanded back to the Forest in February of 2011, leaving the Forest with no winter travel map. This Special Order is needed to regulate the use of motorized over-snow vehicles that is not covered under the recently issued MVUM and summer travel plan decisions. This order replaces order number 0412-415, which identified prohibited motor and mechanized vehicle and other uses on the PNF.

2. **Intent of Subpart B order.** The PNF has roads, trails and areas that have travel restrictions regarding where and when motorized use may be used. In some cases, types of travel are restricted to ensure user safety. Restrictions have been developed to protect resources (to reduce runoff and sedimentation, provide wildlife and fish security, reduce hunting vulnerability for game species, reduce degradation of water quality, protect riparian areas, and to restore or protect habitat for Threatened, Endangered, Candidate and Sensitive species), and to provide socio/economic benefits (improve safety for Forest visitors, provide a mix of experience opportunities, reduce the cost of road and trail maintenance and protect investments in recreation and transportation infrastructure).
3. **Enforcement Plan.** The PNF will produce a map that shows areas closed to motorized over-snow vehicles and make the map available to the public, free of charge. The map will be available at all PNF offices, at major winter trailhead kiosks, and on the PNF web page.

An additional map is produced annually by the Idaho State Snowmobile Association (ISSA) that also displays the areas closed to over-snow motorized use. This map will be distributed by that group and will supplement the Forest's map. Both maps are free of charge.

The PNF will utilize recreation personnel as on-the-ground winter patrol, when available, to educate the public and enforce the closed areas. Personnel will also be stationed at major winter trailheads to hand out maps to recreationists, discuss the closure areas and answer questions.

The following needs to occur in order to implement this special order. District staff and participating agencies will continue to post and maintain on the ground signing at locations and media that reasonably bring the restrictions and prohibitions to the attention



of the public. Forest Protection Officers, Law Enforcement Officers and other District staff will patrol areas to inform Forest users and gain compliance and take enforcement action on individuals not in compliance with this order.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate staff with LEI input	9/16/2019
Review proposed order	Supervisory LEO	9/26/2019
Review proposed order	RO LE&I and OGC	10/11/2019
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff	When Signed
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	Forest PAO Staff	As Needed
Educational and compliance contacts	Appropriate Staff LEO/FPO	On Going

Plan approved for implementation:



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10/31/19  
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